

Q1 -- FIG. 1 shows the amino acid sequence of a recombinant single-chain monellin protein (SEQ ID NO:5) and the DNA sequence encoding the recombinant single-chain monellin protein (SEQ ID NO:6). Amino acid residues 1-50 corresponds to the amino acid residues 1-50 of the B chain of native monellin; amino acid residue 51 is Glycine as the linker; and amino acid residues 52-96 correspond to the amino acid residues 1-45 of the A chain of native monellin.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 29, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Q2 -- FIG. 2 shows the DNA sequences of the oligos which were used for synthesis of the recombinant single-chain monellin protein (SEQ ID NOs:7-14). --

IN THE FIGURES:

Please replace figures 1 and 2 with substitute figures 1 and 2.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

After the Drawings, please add the following Abstract:

Q3 --The present invention relates to a single-chain monellin-like protein which is stable and which is at least 100-fold sweet as compared to sucrose on the weight basis. The present invention also relates to a nucleic acid encoding said monellin-like protein. Preferably, the nucleic acid further comprises a promoter and a signal sequence for directing expression and secretion of the encoded monellin-like protein in the methylotrophic yeast *Pichia pastoris*. The present invention further relates to a recombinant *Pichia pastoris* cell containing the nucleic acid encoding the monellin-like protein, a process for producing the monellin-like protein from the recombinant *Pichia pastoris* and product of the process.--